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For: STORAGE APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMAL SNAPSHOT TRANSFER  
(AS AMENDED)

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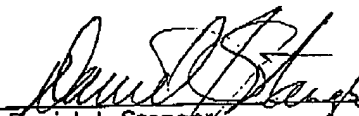
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Sir:

In Reply to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2005,  
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Please change the title to read, --STORAGE APPARATUS AND  
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